IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc 29829-M of 2007

Date of decision: 10.5.2007

Kuldeep Kaur and anr …Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and ors …Respondents

Present: Mr Bikramjit Arora, Advocate for the petitioners

S.S. SARON, J.

The petitioners who have solemnized their marriage amongst themselves have filed this petition under Section 482 CrPC for issuance of appropriate directions to respondents-1 to 4 to protect their life, personal liberty and dignity from respondents-4 to 8. They also seek protection of the relatives of petitioner-2. A further direction is sought against respondents-4 to 8 or anybody else not to interfere in their peaceful married life.

The petitioners, it is stated, are major. The date of birth of petitioner-1, as per matriculation certificate (Annexure P1) is 18.11.1987. The date of birth of petitioner-2, in terms of matriculation certificate (Annexure P2) is 4.10.1985. Both the petitioners were studying at Amritsar and completed Diploma of DMLT in the year 2006. During this period, they decided to solemnize their marriage amongst themselves. They were married at Gurudwara Baba Hazara Singh Ji, Dinpur (Tarn Taran). The photographs showing the solemnization of their marriage have been placed on record as Annexure P3. It is stated that petitioner-2 is earning more than

Rs 15,000/- per month from his business. Since the solemnization of the marriage, the petitioners are co-habiting with each other as husband and wife. However, respondents-5 to 8 who are the father, mother and brothers respectively of petitioner-1 are causing harassment to them. Petitioner-1 has also filed a complaint dated 30.4.2007 (Annexure P5) addressed to the SSP Tarn Taran (respondent-2). However, the said complaint has not been attended to. Therefore, they have approached this Court.

After hearing learned counsel for the petitioner and perusing the record, it may appropriately be noticed that as per the case set up by the petitioners, they have solemnized their marriage amongst themselves of their own free will. Both are stated to be major. In respect of the grievances, respondents-2 and 3 would be in a better position to redress the same after taking into consideration the ground realities.

In the circumstances, the present petition is disposed of with the direction to respondents-2 and 3 that in case the petitioners approach them setting out their grievances as have been made in the present petition, the same would be looked into by them independently and in accordance with.

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10.5.2007. (S.S.SARON)
ASR JUDGE